

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Hayes for extending the courtesy of a telephonic interview to their representative on November 12, 2003. During the interview, Examiner Hayes noted that claim 53 in the Response After Final filed on August 7, 2003, differed from claim 53 as amended in the Amendment filed on February 20, 2003. As requested by the Examiner, Applicants have included a new claim listing in the instant Amendment that corrects this inadvertent error.

Applicants submit that this Amendment and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination will permit the Examiner to consider the Response After Final filed August 7, 2003, which included copies of the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 originally filed February 20, 2003.

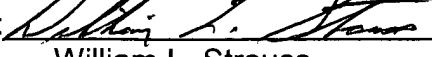
Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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